

Elbert County Fair Board Minutes

February 20th, 2023

Fellowship Hall @7:00 pm

Members that were present:

Tammi Schneider
Will White
Ralph Hinton
Scott Maranville
Troy Kelty
Christopher Carnahan
Kali Benson
Dan Carpenter
Trevor Smith
Vicky Whitman
Amanda Love
Garrett Miller
Sheri Trehal
Rod Sigmon
Matt Summers

Ben Duke- Excused

Aaron Thieman- Excused

I. Call to Order by Tammi Schneider at 7:01 pm

a. Pledge

II. Approval of Agenda 02/20/23

a. Will White moved to approve the agenda. Ralph Hinton seconded to approve. Motion passed

III. Approval of Minutes –12/19/2022

a. Garrett Miller moved to approve the minutes. Vicki Whitman seconded to approve. Motion passed

IV. Guests

A. Fair Grounds Report

a. None. No representative from the fairgrounds to give a report. Tammi Schneider does report that Michael has left the fairgrounds staff. Tammi meets with Bobbi coming up next week.

B. Extension/4-H Report – Kali Benson

- a. Update on beef weigh in 02/19/23- went well. Tagged 75.
- b. Losses in the county offices Willie and Trina still looking to fill those positions
- c. MQA March 6 & 7th- Kiowa and then Simla. Reminder that all 4-Hers must complete mandatory MQA to participate in any dairy, fiber or market/breeding cattle, goats, poultry, sheep, swine and rabbits
- d. Kali hands out HPAI Guidance for Poultry shows from CDA

- e. Plans to have John- superintendent at March meeting to determine showing at 2023 Fair

V. Old Business

- A. Round Robin- discussion continued from December meeting
 - a. Superintendents for judges or hired judges for species?
 - b. Discussion regarding just having the superintendents either do the judging or find a parent to do the judging
 - Superintendents should either do the judging or find a qualified person to be the judge however, not the parents.
- C. Fee for Snack Shack
 - i. During an email vote during January (due to no meeting being held) The board voted to charge all vendors for the 2023 Elbert County Fair, including all food vendors.
 - ii. The snack shack is a licensed kitchen and use of this space includes grill, sinks, ice machine, refrigeration, freezer and two serving windows.
- b. The board discussed the following options
 - i. Options
 - 1. Renting the space out for a flat rate fee
 - 2. Renting the space and then requesting 20% of the profits-as done in the past
 - c. Trevor suggested requesting bids to let a vendor “win” this space based on a price they feels works for them. We set out a bidding to all to see about all bidding for the snack shack
 - d. Garrett thinks new, qualified vendors will have to bid for the space and the highest bid gets the space
 - e. Sheri thinks that we set out a proposal out to seek applications, bids and make sure they understand parameters
 - f. Ralph thinks we should have a minimum with a flat rate bid
- D. Vicki Whitman makes Motion for a sealed best bid that should be due by April 17th with an application with a suggested bid of 1800\$
 - i. Trevor Smith-seconds this
- E. Update on Vendors
 - a. Webmaster is updating website for vendor registration
 - b. There will be a way to take credit cards for the booth spaces through Elbert County this has already been set up and will be integrated into the vendor registration
 - c. We already have a few vendors registered for 2023 Fair
 - d. More to come.....

VI. New Business

- A. Opening weekend schedule
- B. What can be done Saturday afternoon/evening for the 1st day of the fair?
 - a. Garrett suggests small tractor pull, horse pull moving to that Saturday
 - b. Highlanders start show at 10 am already
 - c. Amanda suggests to maybe add mutton bustin’ to that night and maybe a dance to bring more people out to the “opening weekend” and make it feel like an opening weekend
 - a. People often get confused when our fair starts and this will help bring more people to our fair from start to finish

- d. Chris Carnahan thinks maybe to add a ranch rodeo
 - a. Vicki has a contact for a ranch rodeo and will be looking into a Ranch Rodeo- Saturday July 29th
 - b. Discussion of adding Mini Bulls possibly. Tammi will talk with Duncun about this and will report at next meeting
- C. Cowboy up wanting a beer vendor schedule
 - a. Saturday- Sunday with looking to not be open M/T
- D. Tents
 - a. Coming in Thursday/Friday before opening weekend
 - b. Extra tent for pig show- Will possibly discusses butting up tent to old building to increase the size of the building for the show
 - i. Garrett to take a team to look at area around show ring
- E. Tammi has a meeting with Bobby Wednesday @ 2 pm
 - a. Horse stalls in the beef barn
 - i. How to move them and when
 - ii. When is the Buck B. event?
 - b. Electrical for the vendors
 - c. Parking ideas
 - i. Handicap spots
 - ii. Parking at the shop if new shop done
 - iii. Moving of equipment by archery range

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Vicki

2nd Trevor @ 8:19 pm

Next meeting March 20th at 7pm